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For: **VIA ELECTROMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT BY CHANGING THE VIA BOTTOM GEOMETRIC PROFILE**

Enclosed are:

**4** sheets of drawing(s) - formal.

An assignment of the invention to **Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing Ltd.**

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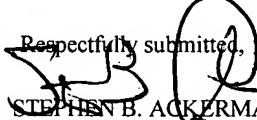
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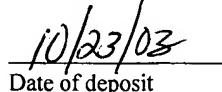
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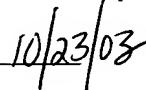
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